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The latest enswer to a Wheel Question is making me more uncomfortable than watching Ally Sheedy pay tribute to John Hughes at the Oscars. Which is to say, very uncomfortable.

The two part question was: Should I forgive my molester? Do I have to?

Question Wheel founder Johnny Monsarrat first says that when he receives particularly serious questions, he usually refers them to <u>United Way</u>. Good call. But in my humble opinion, where he goes wrong is to then answer the question anyway.

You shouldn't forgive.

But you do need to move on emotionally, by backing off being around or caring for this person, if you haven't already.

Distract yourself by calling a friend or watching a movie when intrusive thoughts come. Dwelling on them just reinforces them. Dial 211 from any phone for the United Way for more advice!



For starters, I'm not sure that answer gives appropriate weight to the alleged crimes committed against the question-asker. But then again, what do I

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know? I'm not a shrink. And last I checked, neither is Monsarrat. For that matter, I'd say Monsarrat's has enough of his own problems as of late to be giving anyone else advice.

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Ron Newman <u>permalink</u> March 8, 2010, 5:08 PM

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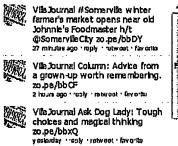
Can I have an update as to whether or not he allowed a drunk 12 year-old to answer that question?

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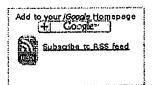


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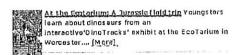
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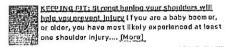
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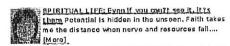
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